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LABORATORY SPLASH PAN

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## In the Claims

Please delete claims 3-7, 11-24.

Please add new claims 25 and 26.

1. (Amended) A disposable barrier for a laboratory splash pan having a tray-like base, a raised closed end portion, and an elevated lip comprising:

a non-porous rigid disposable insert shaped to provide protection to the interior surface of both the tray-like base and the raised closed end portion of the laboratory splash pan; and,

an extended perimeter means formed in said insert for overlying and protecting an elevated lip of the laboratory splash pan.

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25. (New) A disposable barrier as recited in claim 1, wherein said extended perimeter means includes a foldable flap extending around a perimeter of the tray-like base, so as to be folded over an elevated lip of a splash pan.

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26. (New) A disposable barrier for a laboratory splash pan having a tray-like base, a raised closed end portion, and an elevated lip, comprising:

a non-porous rigid disposable insert shaped to provide protection to the interior surface of both the base and raised closed end portion and overlying an elevated lip of the laboratory splash pan; and

a reservoir formed within said insert for retention of a substance.

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